



## Municipal Heritage Committee Report

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**Report Number:** KLMHC2024-030  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2024  
**Title:** Heritage Inventory Update  
**Description:** Update on the City's Ongoing Heritage Inventory  
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**Recommendations:**

**That** Report KLMHC2024-030, **Heritage Inventory Update**, be received; and

**That** the presentation from staff be received for information.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:**

At its meeting of February 8, 2022, Council received a presentation and report from staff on a new Heritage Inventory Framework and associated heritage inventory project. The goal of the project was to undertake a comprehensive inventory of the City's heritage assets to assist with understanding and decision-making. This type of inventory has not been undertaken at the City-wide level before and is intended to be undertaken over a period of approximately 5 to 10 years. The Heritage Inventory Framework is the guiding document for the project and outlines the goals, process and priority areas for the inventory. Council passed the following resolution:

**CW2022-032**

**Moved By** Councillor Ashmore

**Seconded By** Councillor Yeo

**That** Report ED2022-006, **Heritage Inventory Framework**, be received;

**That** the Heritage Inventory Framework as outlined in Appendix A be adopted.

**Carried**

The approved Heritage Inventory Framework is attached to this report as Appendix A for the Committee's information.

The project launched in early summer 2022 with initial field surveys undertaken in Bobcaygeon and Bethany. Several public information sessions were held at that time to inform the community about the project and invite them to participate. A Jump In project page and dedicated webpage on the City's website were also developed at this time for public awareness. Additional field work in Fenelon Falls and Omeme took place in 2024, along with research on inventoried properties.

Staff will provide a presentation on the current status of the project, next steps, and goals and a timeline for the project for 2024.

**Rationale:**

The Heritage Inventory is a significant multi-year project which will have a large impact on the heritage planning program in Kawartha Lakes by providing data for decision making and long-term planning. The intent of this presentation and associated report is to provide an update to the Committee on the current status of the project.

### **Field Work**

Inventory field work in Bobcaygeon and Bethany was completed in 2022 and large amounts of field work was undertaken in Fenelon Falls and Omemee in 2023, although there still area additional areas to survey in these communities. Staff are anticipating that the fieldwork in Fenelon Falls and Omemee will be completed throughout May 2024.

The field work and data collection in Lindsay is scheduled to begin in summer 2024. It is anticipated that this field work will take place over 2024 and 2025 given the large number of heritage resources in Lindsay and the time required to survey the town.

### **Public Engagement**

Public engagement meetings and trainings for volunteers have been held in each community where survey work has taken place. In 2022, there was a considerable amount of interest in both Bobcaygeon and Bethany, while the public engagement sessions in both Fenelon Falls and Omemee were poorly attended and yielded few volunteers.

A public meeting for the Lindsay portion of the fieldwork is scheduled for May 27, 2024 at the Lindsay Armoury from 7pm to 9pm. This meeting will introduce the public to the project in Lindsay and discuss the project fieldwork in Lindsay. It will also launch the public facing map viewer.

### **Heritage Context Statements**

One of the aspects of the inventory is the creation of heritage context statements which serve as background reports related to the thematic and geographic history of Kawartha Lakes. These statements can be used to help analyze historic properties and link them to key themes and events in the development of Kawartha Lakes.

The preparation of historic context statements was paused in 2023 as staff addressed the workload resultant from Bill 23 and the changes to listing and designation. Staff have now begun to develop these documents again. The Lumber Industry Historic Context Statement was released in 2022 and a new Tourism Historic Context Statement has been prepared and is attached to this report as Appendix B. It is anticipated that additional historic context statements will be developed and released in 2024. Historic context statements are added to both the project webpage and to Jump In.

## **Mapping**

Prior to the initiating of inventory fieldwork in 2022, staff created a map layer in ArcGIS, the City's mapping platform, to collect and display the data collected as part of the inventory with the intention of the map eventually being made public. The mapping has been developed in the platform's back end with points collected though 2022 and 2023 entered into the dataset.

A public facing mapping application has now been developed and will be presented to the public at the May 27 public information session. It will also be released in late May to Jump In and the City website. The public facing map displays the data currently collected as part of the inventory and is dynamic in that data collected as part of the inventory project automatically updates the public facing map viewer.

## **Webpage and Jump In**

The project has both a webpage and Jump In page to provide updates to the public and to assist with public engagement. The Jump In page is currently off line as it is being updated ahead of the late May public information session and will be re-released to the public in early May.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

There are no recommended alternatives.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **Consultations:**

N/A

## **Attachments:**

Appendix A – Heritage Inventory Framework



Adobe Acrobat  
Document

Appendix B – Tourism Historic Context Statement



Adobe Acrobat  
Document

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